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SKEMARY: TENSION AND LEVEL OF LOCAL INCIDENTS DECREASED AS AEGEAN UNIVERSITY-ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS ON JAN 23 BEGAN END-OF-SEMESTER RECESS (ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE OF CAMPUS UNREST) UNTIL FEB 23. LEFTIST STUDENTS' EFFORTS TO DISRUPT EXAMINATIONS, WHICH FOLLOW SEMESTER'S END, HAS CAUSED SEVERAL FACULTIES TO DEFER EXAMS AND THREATENS

NEW INCIDENTS. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS OF BUCA TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (UNRELATED TO AU) CONTINUE BOYCOTT WHICH GAINING SUPPORT OF

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LEFTIST LABOR UNIONS. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF LARGE-SCALE ARREST OF RIGHTIST ACTIVISTS AT BORNOVA ON JAN 12 (REFTEL), NO INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN LAST TWO WEEKS FEATURING RIGHTISTS AND IZMIR DEMONSTRATION

SCHEDULED FOR JAN 24 BY ULKU OCAKLARI WAS CANCELLED BY RIGHTISTS SPONORS.

END SUMMARY

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1. END OF SEMESTER EXAMS ARE TAKING PLACE AT ALL AU-RELATED SCHOOLS

EXCEPT DENTISTRY FACULTY, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY,
ECONOMIC R D COMMERCIAL SCIENCES HIGH SCHOOL AND BUCA ENGINEERING SC-

HOOL, ALL OF WHOSE STUDENTS HAD BEEN ON BOYCOTT WHEN SEMESTER ENDED,
PURPORTEDLY FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC RELATED ISSUES.

2. AT ENGINEERING AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY SOME 300 LEFTIST
STUDENTS OCCUPIED CLASSROOMS JAN 27 TO PREVENT EXAMINATIONS. POLICE
REMOVED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT THOSE ACTIVISTS WHO DID NOT FLEE AND
EXAMS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEB 2. IN ENSUING SEARCH OF
SCHOOL, SEVERAL MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, CHAINS AND CLUBS WERE UNCOVERED.
AT BUCA ENGINEERING SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTEDLY HAVE

REACHED AGREEMENT BEGIN EXAMS JAN 30. HOWEVER, DENTISTRY FACULTY
STUDENTS,
ON BOYCOTT SINCE EARLY JANUARY, REPORTEDLY STILL REFUSING TAKE EXAMS.
3. ALSO AT BUCA, SOME 600 STUDENTS (OUT OF 850) AT JUNIOR COLLEGE-
LEVEL ALL GIRL TEACHERS TRAINING INSTITUTE HAVE BEEN ON BOYCOTT SINCE

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JAN 8. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES HAVE ORDERED SEVERAL STUDENTS SUSPENDED,
WHICH BOYCOTTING STUDENTS HAVE ADDED TO THEIR LIST OF COMPLAINTS.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (UNDER WHOSE DIRECT AUTHORITY SCHOOL FALLS)
REPORTEDLY HAS ORDERED EXPULSION OF STUDENTS STILL ON BOYCOTT AT WEEK'S

END. BOYCOTT HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC SUPPORT OF TOB-DER AND SEVERAL OTHER
RADICALLY-INCLINED LOCAL UNIONS AND PRESS REPORTS WORKERS FROM NEARBY
PLANT ARE PROVIDING FOOD FOR BOYCOTTING STUDENTS. WE CONFIDENTIALLY
INFORMED THAT STUDENT LEADERS APPROACHED IZMIR PROVINCIAL RPP ORGAN-
IZATION FOR INTERCESSION; INTERESTINGLY, AFTER CONDUCTING QUIET IN-
VESTIGATION OF ISSUES, RPP DECIDED CERTAIN STUDENT DEMANDS EXCESSIVE
AND REFUSED.

4. STUDENTS AT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL (UNTIL 1971 A
PRIVATE SCHOOL, NOW UNDER AU AEGIS BUT SCHEDULED TO BE EVENTUALLY
CLOSED DOWN) ALSO BOYCOTTING EXAMS IN EFFORT HAVE SCHOOL MADE PART OF
AU ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY.

5. ARRESTS OF 152 RIGHTISTS AT BORNOVA JAN 12 APPEARS FOR MOMENT HAVE
DETERRED THOSE ELEMENTS FROM PROVOKING INCIDENTS, AND PROBABLY CONTRIB-

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UTED TO THEIR DECISION CANCEL JAN 24 DEMONSTRATION. 43 OF THOSE
DETAINED
STILL JAILED AND REPORTEDLY CHARGES WILL BE PREFERRED AGAINST ENTIRE
GROUP; FIRST COURT HEARING EXPECTED NEXT WEEK. (HAND GRENADE WAS DETO
NATED

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AT IZMIR NAP COUNTY HEADQUARTERS NIGHT OF JAN 26 CAUSING SOME PHYSICAL

DAMAGE BUT NO INJURY; NAP COUNTY CHAIRMAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT RPP WAS RESPONSIBLE, AND RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT REPLIED NAP FOLLOWERS OR OTHERS "WHO WISH PREPARE GROUND FOR MARTIAL LAW" THE LIKELY OFFENDERS.)

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